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FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNED FROM FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

the incoming/outgoing foreign exchange on account of Indian films shown in abroad and foreign films shown in India during the last three years?

Answer

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Cinema in India is in the private sector and as such statistical information regarding its earnings is not maintained by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. However, the amount of foreign exchange earned from export of Indian films abroad for the last three years as ascertained from the Film Federation of India is as follows:

Year	Foreign Exchange Earnings (In Rs. crores)
1997	250
1998	300
1999	400

According to information received from the Motion Picture Association of America, who are the major importers of foreign films into India, the aggregate remittances in US$ made by all MPA Member Companies is as follows:

Year	Aggregate Remittances (US$)
1997	2136797.45
1998	2520898.77
1999	1986155.26